

ST PAUL'S SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB DETAILS AND INFORMATION

Ski Club begins Wednesday, 1/6/2010 (The first Wednesday after returning from Christmas break.)

Freebie Card

I am enclosing your "freebie card" with this letter. **DO NOT LOSE THIS CARD.** It is worth three trips to Boston Mills and it cannot be replaced. Think of it as a \$100 bill. (It is worth even more than that!) These "freebies" can be used during the holiday break. It can also be used by a friend and/or family members.

Getting Ready Procedure

In the morning before school on a ski club day, bring your snow gear to the gym and place it neatly in the boys' and girls' bathrooms. Please remember hats, gloves, and snowboots. It can be very slushy and muddy and you don't want to wear your school shoes. Keep any food with you. When you are dismissed from class at the end of the day, come to the gym, get your gear and change into your snow clothes in the locker rooms. Please try to keep your stuff together and please try to hurry so we can get to the resort early. Do not leave anything in the locker room, the gym is usually locked when we return and you will not be able to get it. The sooner we get going, the sooner you will be on the slopes having fun!!

Bus Procedure

The bus will pick us up behind the gym. If you have your own ski equipment, it will be stored under the bus in a storage bin. You may also want to place your duffel bag there. You may store your backpack on the bus in the overhead compartment. Many students do their homework on the bus. We may also bring movies for the bus ride. If you have any DVD's that you would like us to play, please let me know (G or PG only).

Food

You may bring food and drink on the bus. Remember, no cans are allowed. I strongly encourage you to bring something to eat because the snack bar lines can get very long. Please be neat with your food or the bus company will not let us bring it the next time. We will pass around a trash bag on the bus. There is a snack bar available.

You may also purchase prepaid "snowcards" if you do not wish to carry cash. These can also be ordered online at www.bmbw.com. The "Snowcard" giftcard can be sent to you or it can be picked up at the info desk at the resort. If you order one and plan to have it picked up, let me know and I will make sure your child gets it.

Necktags & Discipline Rules

The student will get a necktag that must be worn and visible during Ski club time. I will pass out your necktags and armbands on the bus. The armbands are used to help advisors identify St. Paul students on the slopes.

REMEMBER, DURING SKI CLUB YOU ARE UNDER THE SAME DISCIPLINE REQUIREMENTS THAT YOU ARE AT SCHOOL. IF YOUR TAG IS PULLED BY A SKI PATROL FOR MISBEHAVIOR I CANNOT GET IT BACK FOR YOU—YOU MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN SKI CLUB UNTIL YOUR PARENT RETRIEVES YOUR TAG FOR YOU AT BOSTON MILLS. I know I won't have any problems like this from our wonderful St. Paul students, but I am required to warn you about it.

At Boston Mills

Once we arrive at Boston Mills, a representative from the resort will board our bus and give some last minute instructions. Please remain in your seats and quiet until the representative gets off the bus. After he/she is finished, we will get off the bus and go inside to the rental area. **If you have your own equipment**, proceed to your evaluation or lesson. **If you are renting**, get your skis, boots and poles (or your boards & boots) and proceed to the locker area. Take your boards/skis outside to the racks (don't forget

where you put them!) and then return to the locker area to put on your boots. This will prevent accidents with the skis/boards and will make it easier for you to get ready. There will be several adults available if you need help. Also, there are many experienced skiers/snowboarders who can help our new members. Remember, if your boot is easy to get on, it probably doesn't fit snugly enough ☺ Helmets are available for rental at an additional \$10 per session. There are lockers available for \$1.00 (buy a token). Don't put your stuff in a locker and not pay—they will lock it for you and you won't be able to get your stuff without a hassle.

Lesson Procedure

Once you are ready, get your equipment and proceed to the slopes.

If you are a **Beginner Ski or Snowboarder** proceed to your lesson at the **Summit slope area**. When you come out of the building and are facing the slopes, Summit will be to your far left.

If you are **Intermediate or Advanced (blue or black sticker last year)**, you must go to the **Blue or Black Evaluation station to be evaluated and you will then receive the appropriate sticker**. Intermediate and Advanced group lessons will not start until the third week of ski club. You must be evaluated before you can ski any slope. The lesson procedure has changed a bit this year, so listen carefully to the Boston Mills representative on the bus so you know where to go.

Ski End Time/ Returning to St. Paul

We will be called off the slopes at approximately 7:00 p. m. Please promptly return your equipment and get to the bus. If you want a snack for the ride home, better come in a little early to beat the rush! **We will leave at 7:30 p. m. SHARP**. If you are late returning to the bus, you will be "docked" up to one hour the next week. (You will have to wait an hour before you can hit the slopes.) If you are late 2 times, you will be "docked" 2 hours. If you are late 3 times, you will be banned for attending ski club for the year. We don't want to be late getting back to school on a school night and your parents don't want to sit there waiting for us, either. **If you are not taking the bus back to St. Paul, if you are riding home with your parent or someone other than your parent (either from Boston Mills or from school) I will need a note from your parent giving his or her permission. NO EXCEPTIONS!! This is a legal issue and I must have it in writing! We should be back at school by 8:00-8:15. Parents, please be prompt to pick up your child—it gets very cold waiting outside as the bus leaves immediately after our return.** We will return to the back parking lot by the Parish Life Center.

Cancellation Procedure

IF WE HAVE A SNOW DAY (NO SCHOOL) WE WILL NOT HAVE SKI CLUB. I may also have to cancel due to weather (rain). **Cancellation notification will be on the school website, by email and/or announcement during school.** Please check the school website for this information. Log onto www.stpaulincanton.org and click on "school".

There will be a message posted there if ski club is called off. If we miss a week, we will tack it on to the end of the period and keep going until 6 weeks have been completed.

Please let me know if you are not coming to ski club on any particular day. You

can call me, email me, or call the school if you will not attend. **SEE YOU ON THE SLOPES!! Q? CAROL BONAVIDA 330-499-2166 or 330-805-5101 or at**

gbonavita@neo.rr.com. REMEMBER! OUR FIRST SKI CLUB DAY IS January 6, 2010!